MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKAR : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Tahsildar, Agastiswaram, has been requested to furnish certain information regarding the place.

(*c*) Government do not at present and in view of their recently declared policy favour the opening of new Dispensaries at Government cost.

Nalkalikal Bridge.

156. * **MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the amount spent on and the reason for not completing the construction of the Nalkalikal bridge last year on the Aranmula-Pandalam road ;

(*b*) whether there is provision in current year's budget for completing the construction of this bridge ; and

(*c*) the nature of the work done so far during current year in connection with the construction ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Rs. 3,339-9-6. The work is delayed pending the acquisition of the lands required for the purpose.

(*b*) Funds to the extent of Rs. 10,000 are made available for the work this year.

(*c*) Pile driving is completed. Pier moulding work is in progress. Earth work for forming approaches is more than half done. The platform work will be taken up as soon as the required steel is brought to the site.

The Chengannur District Dispensary buildings.

157. * **MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI :** Will the Government be pleased to state how many times the work of construction of the Chengannur District Dispensary buildings was stopped and the duration of the suspension of work at each time and the reasons for such suspension ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKAR : The work was stopped once for a period of 3 months for revision of estimate with a view to reducing the cost.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether the old building, which contained the in-patient ward, has been shifted further east ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKAR : Government have no information.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether they are aware that there is an old building in the site acquired by Government ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKAR : Yes.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know the purpose for which it is going to be utilised by Government ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKAR : It is understood that the proposal is to convert that into one of the wards of the hospital by making suitable adjustments.

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MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the steps taken by Government so far?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKAR: An estimate is being awaited.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the steps taken by Government for formally opening the building before the completion of the in-patient ward?

MR C. P. GOPALA PANICKAR: Government have not called for any proposal in that respect but it is hoped that the department will take the necessary steps as early as possible.

Books for use in rural libraries.

158. * MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Govern-menment be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the book named "Thirunal Kazhcha" (തിരുനാൾ കാഴ്ച) by Vidwan Mr. V. Varkey, teacher, M. M. School, Thidanad (തിടനാട്), was included in the selection list of books for use in rural libraries;

(*b*) whether page 104 of this book contained any objectionable passage;

(*c*) who was responsible for the inclusion of this book in the selection list of books for use in rural libraries; and

(*d*) whether Government have taken any action on this matter and, if so, what?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: (*a*) No.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*). In view of the answer to part (*a*), these questions do not arise.

A book published by the State Transport Department.

159. * MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Govern-ment be pleased to state whether the book named "ശ്രീമതിയും ഗോവർദ്ധനനും" published by the Travancore State Transport Depart-ment, has been prescribed as a text book for any class or form in Malayalam or English Schools in the State?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: No.

Appointments in the Travancore University.

160. * MR. P. S. MUHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement by caste of appointments made in the Travan-core University during the period of the last two years (up to Kanni 1117) in the following grades:—

(i) appointments carrying a salary of Rs. 25 or above; and

(ii) appointments carrying a salary below Rs. 25?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: The *statement asked for is laid on the table.

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* *Vide* Appendix II, P. 343

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